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SUBJ: THE CONAKRY DECLARATION

THE CONAKRY DECLARATION SIGNED BY MALI AND UPPER VOLTA ON JULY 10 WAS PUBLISHED IN L'ESSOR (THE OFFICIAL VOICE OF MALI'S RULING MILITARY REGIME) ON JULY 14. PARAPHRASING ITS 7 POINT MESSAGE, THE DECLARATION STATED THAT AT THE FRATERNAL INVITATION OF PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA, PRESIDENT EL HADJ ABOUBACAR SANGOULE LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA AND PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE OF MALI MET ON JULY 10 IN CONAKRY IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEIR COMMON BORDER CONFLICT. THE RESULTS OF THEIR IMPORTANT MEETING WERE ADOPTED IN THE FOLLOWING 7 POINT DECLARATION:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA AND MALI PLEDGE TO

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RENOUNCE DEFINITELY THE USE OF FORCE IN RESOLVING

THEIR BORDER CONFLICT;

2. CONSIDER AND REAFFIRM THAT ONLY A POLITICAL SOLUTION
BASED ON RECIPROCAL CONFIDENCE, ON THE PRE-EMINENCE
OF THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE IN GENERAL, AND
OF THE TWO PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, IS CAPABLE OF SAVING
THE BONDS OF FRATERNITY WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN
UPPER VOLTA AND MALI;

3. AS A MEANS OF CONSOLIDATING THIS POLITICAL SOLUTION,
THE TWO PARTIES PLEDGE TO RESTORE RECIPROCAL CONFIDENCE
BY PRACTICAL ACTION, ESPECIALLY BY AVOIDING THE
STATIONING OF TROOPS ALONG THEIR BORDERS;

4. DECIDE TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO CREATE OBJECTIVE
CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDLY
AND FRATERNAL RELATION BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES;

5. CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THE FLEXIBLE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA AND PLEDGE TO
FACILITATE THEIR APPLICATION IN A SPIRIT OF TOTAL
FRIENDSHIP AND SINCERE FRATERNITY;

6. HONOR THE EFFORTS MADE AND THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY
THE MEDIATION COMMISSION OF THE OAU, AND AFFIRM THEIR
COMMON WILL TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN
FACILITATING THE DELIMITATION OF THE FRONTIER SEPARATING
THE TWO STATES SO AS TO SEAL DEFINITELY THEIR
RECONCILIATION;

7. ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO HEADS OF STATES
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ORGANIZE FRUITFUL CONTACTS AS
A MEANS OF EXPRESSING AND CONSOLIDATING EHRI RECONCILIATION.

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